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1. WE DISCUSSED FRENCH/DUTCH AMENDMENT MARCH 19 WITH

WORKING-LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS IN LEGAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTIONS (DE LACHARRIERE IS IN GENEVA FOR LOS CONFERENCE; CHOLLET HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED). NEITHER OFFICER WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED ISSUE HAD BEEN AWARE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT BEFORE OUR CALL BUT, AFTER CHECKING, CARRASCO OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION TOLD US THAT PROPOSED LANGUAGE HAD INDEED BEEN CLEARED AT HIGHER LEVEL. WE NOTED OUR CONCERN AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE SOFTENING OF FRENCH POSITION FROM THAT TAKEN AT TIME OF CERDS EXERCISE, AND ASKED THAT OUR CONCERN BE PASSED ON. CARRASCO DID NOT GIVE RATIONALE FOR NEW FRENCH LANGUAGE BEYOND SAYING THAT GOF HAD NOT CHANGED ITS BASIC POLICY ON NATIONALIZATION ISSUES.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AND USUN WELL AWARE, FRENCH DELEGATIONS ARE OFTEN ALLOWED CONSIDERABLE TACTICAL LATITUDE AND IT POSSIBLE THAT FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE AT LIMA MAY HAVE BEEN FREEWHEELING TO SOME EXTENT. ALTERNATIVELY, WITH SENIOR LEGAL ADVISORS ALL AT GENEVA AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTOR (ST. LEGIER) IN MFA, FRENCH AMENDMENT MAY HAVE BEEN CLEARED WITHOUT PROPER ADVICE FROM LEGAL OFFICE (WHICH HAS BEEN DEFENDER OF TRADITIONAL GOF POSITION ON NATIONALIZATIONS).

3. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH ST. LEGIER AND WITH DE LACHARRIERE ON HIS RETURN. BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF THIS AND RELATED ISSUES WITH DEJAMMET OF FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED AS REPLACEMENT FOR CHOLLET AS HEAD OF ECONOMIC DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION OF MFA.
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